

MAPLE

New York maple syrup production is up 8 percent from last year as growers begin to rebound from the ice storm damage in 1998. Production of New York maple syrup this year is estimated at 210,000 gallons, 8 percent above the 195,000 gallons produced in 1999, according to the New York Agricultural Statistical Service. The number of taps, at 1.26 million, was up 6 percent from a year earlier. The season started out too cold, but temperatures, which determine sap flow and quality of syrup, quickly warmed up and the season overall was too warm for optimal flow. Statewide the average date of the first run was February 27 and the average date of the last run was March 24. The sugaring season for New York

averaged 26 days compared to the ten-year average of 31. Sap was below average for sweetness, requiring an average of 49 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup. Syrup color was mostly medium to dark. A preliminary estimate places the value of this year's production at \$5.33 million, up slightly from the 1999 crop value of \$5.32 million.

Preliminary prices received by New York producers for the lighter table grades of syrup are as follows: retail - \$30.90 per gallon; wholesale - \$25.50 per gallon. The average return to producers for all grades and methods of sales is estimated at \$25.40 per gallon equivalent.

Table 44. MAPLE SYRUP: Production and Value, 1990-2000

Crop Year	Syrup made ^{1/}	Average date		Gallons of sap per gallon of syrup	Average price per gallon	Value of production
		First run made	Last run made			
	<u>1,000 gals.</u>			<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>1,000 dollars</u>
1990	249	Feb. 25	Mar. 29	48	23.70	5,901
1991	308	Feb. 27	Apr. 2	48	23.30	7,176
1992	400	Mar. 5	Apr. 12	41	23.40	9,360
1993	180	Mar. 20	Apr. 9	40	18.70	3,366
1994	251	Mar. 16	Apr. 11	41	24.50	6,150
1995	208	Mar. 4	Apr. 1	47	23.50	4,888
1996	343	Mar. 5	Apr. 10	40	25.50	8,747
1997	269	Mar. 4	Apr. 7	48	25.10	6,752
1998	231	Feb. 25	Mar. 28	41	26.85	6,202
1999	195	Feb. 27	Apr. 2	43	27.30	5,324
2000 ^{2/}	210	Feb. 27	Mar. 24	49	25.40	5,334

^{1/} Includes syrup later made into sugar.

^{2/} Average price per gallon and value of production are preliminary.